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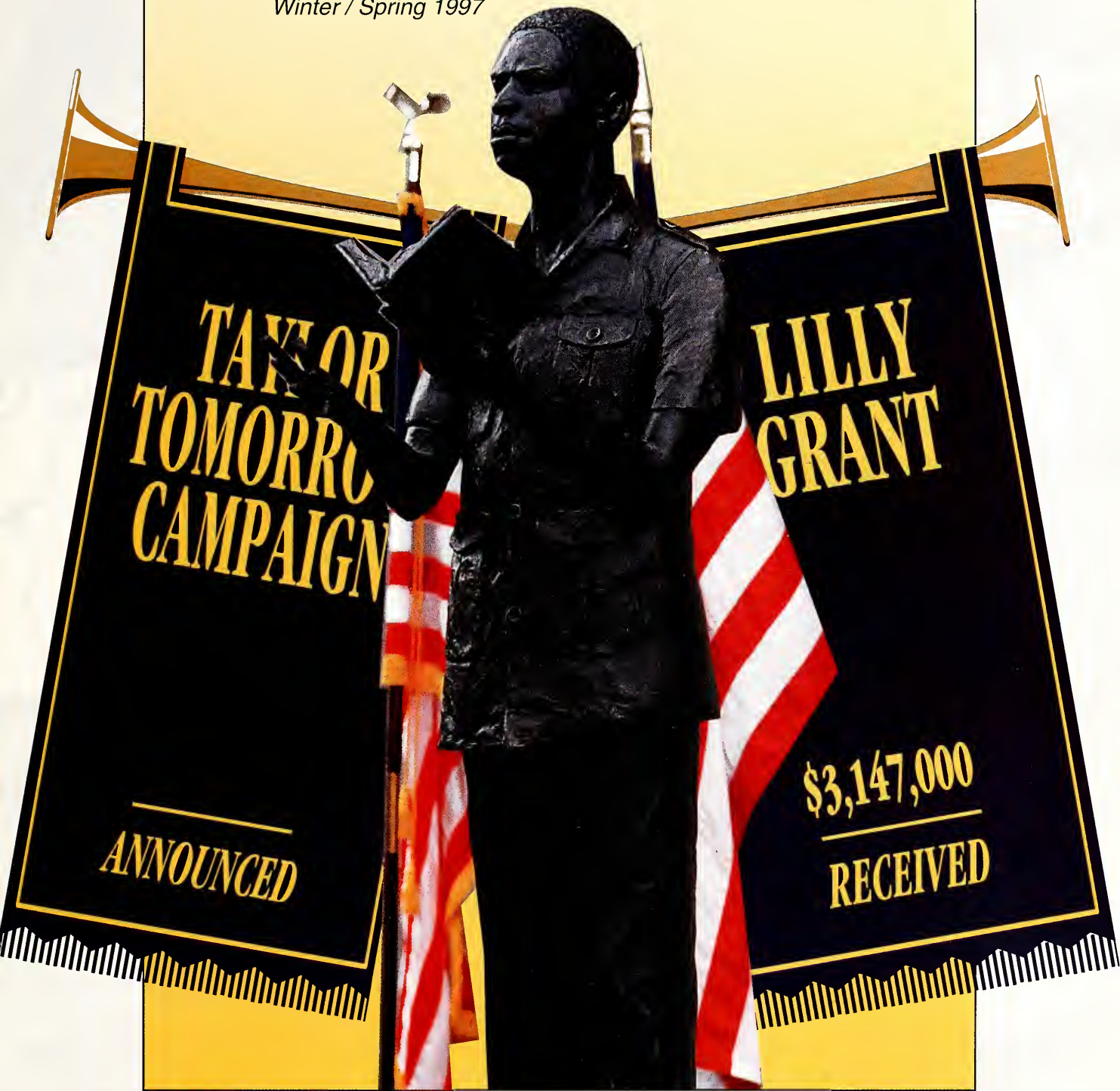
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► *Samuel Morris Scholars Program* ◀

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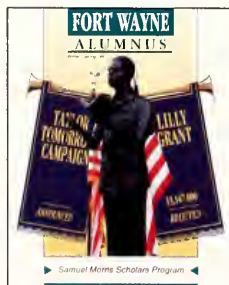
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*On the Cover...*

*A statue commemorating Samuel Morris' life stands in front of Witmer Hall.*



# Perspective



The magazine you hold in your hands contains exciting information about events taking place on the campus of Taylor Fort Wayne. In the pages that follow, you will find reports on a new program emphasis, a statue dedication, the beginning of a new capital campaign and much more.

But Taylor Fort Wayne is more than programs, statues and capital campaigns. Taylor Fort Wayne is students.

Recently, Bette Jo and I took a small group of students to an Indianapolis church. The students led the congregation in music and worship and two of them gave personal testimonies of how Taylor Fort Wayne has impacted their spiritual lives. I concluded the service with a message from God's Word.

We had a great time! The time together in the van, the privilege of leading a group of people in worship and praise, and the laughter we shared during a stop at Steak -N- Shake on the trip home made for a wonderful experience. It also reminded me of what this ministry is all about.

I wish you could have stood with us to pray before that evening service and sensed the sincerity of the students. I would have loved for you to have been in the church that evening to be led in worship by these students who have a deep love for God and a genuine desire to praise Him. It would have been great if you had been around the table at Steak -N- Shake to laugh with us as we shared stories and sipped milkshakes.

I am grateful for students who love God, who want to praise Him and serve Him, and who want to share Him with others. I rejoice in students who enjoy being together and can laugh together. And I am pleased to be part of an institution that realizes we need programs, statues and buildings to enable us to work more effectively with students.

*Dr. Robert Nienhuis*  
*Vice President Fort Wayne Campus*



# TAYLOR *Tomorrow*

*"This campaign will anchor an already strong foundation that will ensure Taylor's integrity as we move toward our bicentennial anniversary." - Dr. Jay Kesler*

**T**aylor University concluded a year-long celebration of her 150th anniversary with a Sesquicentennial Pageant held Saturday, October 26. Taylor has seen both good and hard times, and knows it is God who has given her the strength and wisdom to overcome obstacles and rejoice in His provision. With His great faithfulness as an anchor, Taylor looks forward to celebrating God's faithfulness in her future.

Celebrating the traditions and foundation which have not been shaken, but have only been more firmly established through the refinement of years, Taylor University has yet another reason to celebrate. Taylor University officials have announced the beginning of a \$75 million capital campaign; the largest capital campaign in her history.

The campaign, named **Taylor Tomorrow** was revealed to over 2,000 students, alumni and friends at Taylor University's Sesquicentennial Pageant on October 26, by Richard Gygi g67, Taylor board member and chairman of the capital campaign. "We have \$22 million pledged from our board and a few close friends," Gygi stated adding, "this start has encouraged us to set our sights higher than had ever been dreamed about at Taylor. Our God is an awesome God and we are trusting Him for big things." The centerpiece of the **Taylor Tomorrow** announcement was a lead gift of \$7.5 million. "This is the largest gift Taylor has ever received," said Taylor board chair Rosie Kerlin g55.



*George Glass g58TUU addresses the alumni and friends in attendance at the Sesquicentennial Pageant.*

Vice president for development Gene Rupp g58 noted that "the **Taylor Tomorrow** campaign is to be accomplished over seven years, ending December 31, 2003. It is actually a portion of the board-approved, long-range plan with recognized projects totaling \$100 million. It's an exciting time for Taylor."

In the words of President Jay Kesler g58, "This campaign will anchor an already strong foundation that will ensure Taylor's integrity as we move toward our bicentennial (200-year) anniversary in 2046."

**Taylor Tomorrow** is a \$75 million program for capital improvements, endowments for new buildings, academic chairs, faculty development and educational technology on both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses of Taylor University.

Planned building projects in Upland include:

- A new residence hall (to replace the existing Samuel Morris Hall),
- Student activities center,
- Final phase of the visual arts facility (which now includes the Smith-Hermanson Music Center and the Rupp Communication Arts Center),
- Addition to the existing Rediger Chapel/Auditorium (which can no longer seat the entire Upland campus community for chapels),
- Renovation of the Ayers Memorial Alumni Hall, and
- An addition to the Randall Environmental Studies Center.

In Fort Wayne, planned improvements include:

- Lehman library/classroom addition,
- New student union/dining commons,
- New chapel/classroom addition,
- Residence halls and
- Increased endowment for curriculum development.

Endowment for new buildings, academic chairs, faculty development, and educational technology is also slated in addition to other designated projects.



# Lilly Grant Provides Opportunities

Taylor University has received word that its recent grant proposal to the Lilly Endowment, Inc. was approved. The amount to be awarded is \$3.147 million--the largest grant in Taylor's history. This proposal was in response to a special initiative from the Endowment to explore ways of encouraging more Indiana residents to graduate from high school, enroll in and graduate from Indiana colleges and find employment in Indiana.

As a result of the Lilly Grant, the Samuel Morris Program will be established at Taylor University to assist Indiana students with college potential who might wish to attend a Christian liberal arts college but are impeded because of one or more of the following reasons: limited financial resources, no family history of college completion, inadequate educational preparation.

This program is named for a 19th-century Taylor student from Liberia who, despite an absence of formal educational preparation, made a lasting impact on Taylor University and Fort Wayne, Indiana. The objectives of the program address concerns raised by Jay Kesler. President Kesler has expressed a desire that "the Taylor University education and experience be made accessible to all worthy and qualified students regardless of socioeconomic background." He went on to affirm that "it is evident that there are deficiencies in our society that make a college education difficult to envision for many young people. We intend to make every effort to assist students to overcome racial, economic, social and family barriers and succeed in completing a college degree."

One tangible instrument of assistance to encourage disadvantaged youth to persevere in high school and attain their goal of a college education will be the

Samuel Morris Scholarship Program. Students from Indiana selected for entrance into the program will be awarded yearly scholarships of up to \$6,000. These will be renewable contingent upon academic eligibility.

Students throughout the state of Indiana who meet the prescribed criteria will be encouraged to apply to Taylor through this program. Because the greater opportunity for Taylor to serve under-represented demographic groups exists in Fort Wayne, the central efforts focus on and emanate from Taylor's Fort Wayne campus. Some students recruited into the Samuel Morris Scholarship Program at Taylor University Fort Wayne might choose to come to the Upland campus as a result of their selection of major area of study. Consequently, resources and programs will be developed on both campuses, but programs for the Fort Wayne campus will be emphasized.

In order to identify students who meet one or more of the prescribed eligibility criteria, Taylor will work closely with Fort Wayne area churches, schools and community agencies. Intervention programs for young people in the community will be implemented to help students

be more successful in their middle and high school studies and point them to a college career. These activities will include a middle school summer program, a Fort Wayne mentoring

program, visits to Taylor's Fort Wayne campus on Saturdays for academic enrichment, and a credits-in-escrow program for high school students. Students prepared, recruited and accepted to come to Taylor through these intervention strategies and other recruitment efforts will participate in a tuition-free summer bridge experience following their high school graduation. They will be known at this time and throughout their study at Taylor as Samuel Morris Scholars. They

will take course work that will count toward the graduation requirement and special co-curricular activities will accompany the classes to give students a sense of the whole-person thrust of the University.

Samuel Morris Scholars will continue to receive close attention during their undergraduate years. A director and assistant director for the entire program will be hired to provide extra personal, academic and career counseling. Social and service experiences will be provided for the Scholars to help them develop greater unity and sense of purpose. Both Learning Support Centers on the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses will be expanded in order to provide the academic assistance necessary for retention.

A concerted effort will be made to establish partnerships with Indiana businesses and organizations so that Indiana employment opportunities will be more available to Samuel Morris Scholars and all Taylor students. To facilitate this aspect of the program and to help strengthen practicum experiences for all students on both campuses, a full-time employer relations coordinator will be appointed. Improvements in technology and additional student assistants in the Career Development Offices will also help better link students to employment possibilities.

Although the goal of the Lilly Endowment to place more Indiana college graduates with Indiana jobs can be met in different ways by different colleges, there may be merit to a degree of cooperation among the colleges when possible. In this spirit, Taylor will establish and administer a World Wide Web (WWW) homepage for an internship and job opportunity clearinghouse for a consortium of Indiana educational institutions and Indiana employers.

Article by  
-Dr. Ron Sloan  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs



# Samuel MORRIS

## A Life Full of the Holy Spirit

One who knows nothing of Samuel Morris' brief life might wonder at his fame. His simple tombstone in Fort Wayne's Lindenwood Cemetery belies any worldly claim to fame.

Though called Samuel Morris by those who knew him, his African name was Kaboo (known in Africa as Kugan). Born the son of a chief of the Kru, a Liberian tribe, about 1873, the first half of his life was filled with tribal wars, slavery and suffering.

Samuel was deeply moved by the religion of the missionaries whom he met in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, and the fervor of his dramatic conversion experience characterized his life until his untimely death.

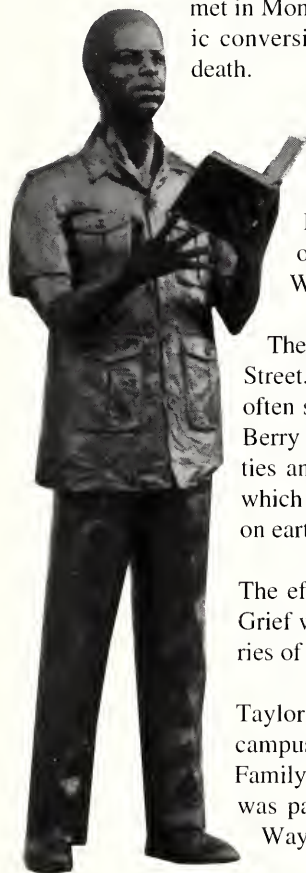
Despite seasickness and a fear of the ship's high rigging, Samuel worked for his passage to New York City. He made his way to Stephen Merritt, former secretary to Methodist Episcopal Bishop William Taylor. The efforts of the Reverend Merritt brought Samuel Morris to Fort Wayne and Taylor University.

The confines of the Taylor campus at the west end of Wayne Street, Fort Wayne, were never a limit to Morris' activities. He often spoke at the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Berry Street Methodist Episcopal Church. His numerous activities and the harsh winter of 1892-93 contributed to the illness which would bring the end of Samuel Morris' physical presence on earth.

The effects of Samuel Morris' life gained impetus at his death. Grief was replaced by the powerful spiritual force which memories of his faith and love generated.

Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus dedicated a statue on campus commemorating the life of Samuel Morris during the Family Weekend celebration, October 5, 1996. The ceremony was part of Taylor's sesquicentennial celebration on the Fort Wayne campus.

The statue, entitled *Sharing the Word*, was donated by the Schmitz family, who are alumni and friends of the University. The gift was given in honor of Rachel Schmitz by her husband, Jamey g88TUU. The statue depicts Samuel Morris as a Taylor student as he shared the Word of God whom he dearly loved. The statue is a creation of Kenneth G. Rydén, artist-in-residence and full professor of art at Anderson University. *Sharing the Word*, along with two other statues by Rydén, are also located on the Upland campus.



### A Litany of Dedication

#### Leader

*Today we gather in your presence, O God, humbled by your grace and mercy to us. Our voices ring out in celebration and thanksgiving for the blessings you have graciously bestowed upon us. Today we also celebrate the life and legacy of Samuel Morris...the Apostle of Simple Faith.*

#### All

*May we, too, be found faithful!*

#### Leader

*We give thanks to God Almighty for the exemplary life of Samuel Morris. A life short, by earthly terms, but long in legacy and impact; a life characterized by humility, determination, vision and faithfulness.*

#### All

*May we, too, be found faithful!*

#### Leader

*May we lead as Samuel led...with charity and spiritual power. May we encourage as Samuel encouraged...with confidence and compassion. May we pray as Samuel prayed...with pure reverence to the Father. May we minister as Samuel ministered...without regard to race; with full surrender to the Holy Spirit.*

#### All

*May we, too, be found faithful!*

#### Leader

*It is our privilege to dedicate this sculpture today as a constant reminder of Samuel Morris' zeal to proclaim your Word, O God. Thank you for your provision to allow Taylor University to minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.*

#### All

*We give thanks and celebrate this day with great joy!*

# TAYLOR FORT WAYNE

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## CHRIST CENTERED.

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## URBAN FOCUSED.

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### *"Your College for Urban Engagement."*

The early years of Taylor Fort Wayne have included an on-going effort to determine the distinctives and characteristics of the new campus. We have a significant heritage both as part of Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College and as part of Taylor University. We have a strong history of training men and women for Christian service and a new opportunity to offer a thoroughly Christian liberal arts education.

But it is, in my opinion, the urban setting of Taylor Fort Wayne that really gives the campus its *raison d'être*. Convinced that Christian higher education must seek ways to significantly impact the city, we have decided to take the initiative. Determined to help set the standards for a new kind of Christian college--those located in and seeking to impact the urban environment--we have chosen to describe ourselves as the *College for Urban Engagement*.

Being located in the city and making a significant impact on the city are two quite different things, however. So, in our attempt to engage the city, there are two specific areas that will receive our attention.

#### ===== DIVERSITY =====

We have chosen to take seriously the charge of President Kesler that a quality Christian educational experience be "accessible to all worthy and qualified students regardless of socioeconomic background." We will, in a deliberate and focused fashion, seek to make our campus more representative of the diversity which is so much a part of our culture.

The early results are encouraging. In the 1996-97 academic year, the make up of the student body included 30 African-

Americans (7% of the total enrollment), six Hispanics (1.5%), two Asian-Americans and one Native-American. Additional efforts to recruit and retain qualified minority students will continue.

Along the way, we have begun to learn that, if a minority student is to feel comfortable on the campus, he or she will need to have minority faculty and staff to whom to relate. As a result, special effort has gone into the recruitment of minority faculty and staff. At the present time, we have two African-American faculty members, three African-American contract staff and an Asian-American hourly staff person.

Diversity is not strictly a matter of race, however. It is also reflected in age and location. Today, some 80% of our students are between the ages of 18 and 24. The other 20% are classed as "nontraditional," meaning that they are over 24 years of age, married or independent of parents, and/or are working full-time.

In addition, the Fort Wayne campus possesses an interesting mix of commuter and residential students. Presently, 45% of our students live on-campus while the majority of the others commute from parents' or their own homes to the campus.

#### ===== ACADEMIC PROGRAMS =====

If Taylor Fort Wayne is desirous of impacting the urban culture, our academic programs must reflect that emphasis. Some of our programs, such as urban ministry and criminal justice, are almost wholly focused on urban issues. Here, students are brought face-to-face

with urban issues and problems and are challenged to work to discover and implement solutions. All programs will be expected to address the issue of cities and urban culture where appropriate.

The student life program must also be an active participant in this urban engagement. Study ministry teams will work with urban ministries and organizations, and Taylor World Outreach programs will be asked to target both traditional missionary efforts and urban works.

The anticipated result is students who, upon graduation, have an understanding of and a heart for the city. Of course, not all will live and work in the city, but it is hoped that all will view the city, not as a vast wasteland, but as a vast mission field.

Taylor Fort Wayne has a Christian responsibility to be involved in meeting the needs of the community in which it is located. Faculty, staff and students alike are being encouraged and challenged with opportunities to engage the community in a positive and productive manner.

In the end, it is our desire that we fulfill our calling to be "salt and light" (Matthew 5) in our own community. We believe that there are many students who desire just what we have to offer: quality education in an urban setting where a diverse student body and challenging academic programs will stretch one's faith and equip one for a lifetime of ministry and service.

*Article by*

*-Dr. Robert Nienhuis*

*Vice President Fort Wayne Campus*



# Sesquicentennial Celebration

Taylor University has been preparing men and women to serve the Lord for over 150 years. There is no greater cause to celebrate! We asked TUFW faculty, staff and students, past and present, to share with us reasons why they celebrate Taylor in Fort Wayne.

- Our heritage.
- Urban engagement.
- Don Hamm and how he conscientiously attends to the facilities.
- Opportunities for students to serve local churches.
- Professor Marlene Everson.
- I met my wife and mother of my children here.
- TUFW's commitment to Christ and small community.
- Quality education.
- The friendships we have gained.
- Bill Gerig.
- The focus of TUFW to meet the needs of an increasingly diverse population.
- Close interdisciplinary contact among students and faculty.
- Dr. David Biberstein.
- The way staff members are able to be involved in students' lives.
- Faithful staff as demonstrated by Ada (Smith) Hausser's 52 years of service.
- Alumni who have served on the mission fields of the world.
- Many older/commuter students who bring experience and serious purpose.
- The caring faculty that seeks to model Christ-likeness.
- WBCL Radio.
- Student leadership opportunities.
- Taylor World Outreach.
- A January term allowing for intensive course study.
- State-of-the-art computer labs.
- Chapel services on campus.
- Career counseling.
- An alumni association that cares enough about students to build an alumni scholarship endowment fund of \$385,000.
- The Christian Service Department.
- Parents' Cabinet.
- Student Emergency Assistance Fund.
- Dr. Rene Frank.
- Joy Gerig.
- The teaching of the book of Acts by Dr. Jared Gerig.
- The theological bedrock instilled within me through the teaching, integrity and faithfulness of Dr. Wesley Gerig.
- The Institute of Correspondence Studies.
- Learning about God's creation from His perspective.
- The privilege of teaching students who want to serve the Lord.
- Serving Drs. Barcalow, Barnes, Biberstein, Birkey, Gerig, Gray, Martin and Ringenberg.
- An evangelical commitment.
- Biblical principles after 150 years.
- At TUFW, piety is more important than politics and academic excellence. Faith is more important than reason, and humility is more important than achieving "success."
- TUFW still teaches that it is more blessed to give than receive.
- Lorissa Hoot.
- Peggy Brown.
- Florine Daugherty.
- Shawn Smith.
- Dr. Alice Joy Weddle.
- The Life Together Statement.
- The emphasis on prayer.
- The interdenominational approach to this community.
- Dr. Wes Gerig.
- The pioneering leadership of men like S.A. Witmer.
- The missionary vision instilled in my grandparents.

## Reflections On Taylor's History

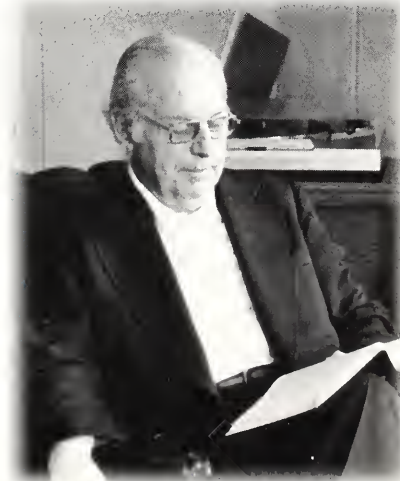
with Dr. Ira Gerig

It was many years ago when I was asked to teach music at the College. I loved music and took the opportunity. I was very impressed with how everyone on campus welcomed me, and discovered it was so friendly because the love of Christ in everyone's heart.

One of the biggest blessings to me has been the students. In doing God's will I have had the privilege to teach what I love and serve the Lord. It is amazing how He works out the things He started. I have had many opportunities to teach, serve, minister and just sit and talk with students. I thank Him for those opportunities.

I was so excited when the board recommended we merge with Taylor. (That does not mean I was not faithful to the Bible College.) What it means is that I was proud of the board for knowing what was good for the College. And, it is still proving to be a

good decision. I have always been supportive of the decision to merge with Taylor University. The Fort Wayne campus has a ministry of her own. It is exciting to see it happen. The work of Taylor is ordained by God for this place.



After I had my stroke, I spent a lot of time in the hospital. I received over 450 cards from former and current students. The notes in the cards said so many things about how I had been instrumental in their lives.

What do I celebrate? The relationships I have had with the students--some of the best people in the world.



## Youth Conference

A long-time tradition on the Fort Wayne campus will be resurrected this spring as Youth Conference makes a comeback in 1997. The conference will be May 2-4, and will bring over 500 high schoolers from around the midwest to Taylor Fort Wayne. The weekend will feature a youth speaker, workshops for youth pastors, games, overnight activities and concerts featuring national Christian artists Big Tent Revival and Out of Eden. For more information contact Mike Hammond or Corey Laster at (219) 456-2111.

## Traveling Musical Ensemble

Poiema (poi.ay.ma; Greek, meaning: His workmanship), a musical group composed of four Taylor Fort Wayne students, selected by audition, has been formed and tours the local Fort Wayne region for performances.

Each of the four students has double talent including vocal and instrumental gifting. Poiema performs from a repertoire of hymns, anthems, period literature, contemporary Christian music, folk songs, seasonal music and instrumental selections.

## On The Move

The University is experiencing growing pains. To help alleviate some of the increasing needs for work space, TUFW has recently purchased the house at 909 West Rudisill Blvd.

Plans for the use of the home, pending rezoning, are to move the Institute of Correspondence Studies from the lower level of Witmer Hall to the new location, making room for the Communications Arts department and their publications in the present location of ICS.

*Holly Laster (l), Heather St. Peters (c) and Deb Morrison (r), all from the Office of Correspondence Studies, pose in front of their new home.*

## Moral Absolutes? Absolutely!



After his recent speech during the climactic celebration of Taylor University's 150th anniversary, Prison Fellowship founder, Chuck Colson, left the podium as the crowd of nearly 3,500 applauded, donned his white overcoat and made his way to a luncheon. He was stopped short from meeting his destination as he met up with some student reporters. Colson invited the TUFW communications arts students to sit with him in the president's dining room to chat. Outside of the room, a crowd of some of Taylor's most energetic supporters patiently waited to break bread with Colson, but the man who is called a visionary by many in evangelical circles took his time with the students. When asked to join the crowd at the luncheon, he protested, saying, "But this student did not get a chance to ask his question." With that, senior

Lance Stiver asked the man convicted of obstruction of justice in the Nixon-Watergate affair to share his favorite Bible verse. "John 14:27," came the reply, a verse Colson quoted during his speech where he assailed Christians for succumbing to the relativism of the postmodern age, where the most common response to life is one word: "whatever."

In his speech, Colson warned the overflow crowd that truth is man's only hope to thwart the advance of tyranny. As evidence of a national moral collapse, he cited the country's indifference to the failure of the Senate to override a presidential veto to ban partial birth abortions. "After the Senate failed to override President Clinton's veto, there was not a murmur." He added, "I don't think the church cares.... We're losing the moral battle for truth." He went on to predict that the sanctioning of infanticide, euthanasia and homosexual marriage is inevitable because of the advance of the idea that no absolutes exist. Despite the bleak prophesy, Colson gave the crowd hope from John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

*Article by*

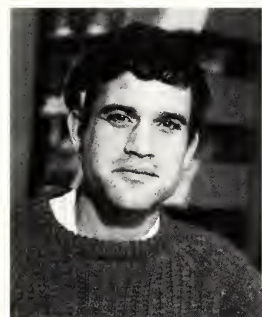
*-Professor Michael R. Smith, Associate Professor of Journalism*



## Taylor Students Study Abroad

Two Taylor Fort Wayne students made the world their classroom during first semester by studying abroad.

TUFW junior pastoral ministries major, Sarah C. Burke, spent her fall semester studying at Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya, with more than 300 African students. She spent her free time volunteering at a boys' home, teaching English. Although the semester was difficult at times, Burke's strength came from the Lord. "In many ways it seems God brought me to Africa to let me face my weakness--only to meet me with His strength." A verse she shared with her friends was Luke 18:1, "Then Jesus showed His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."



Taylor Fort Wayne senior, Henry Farr, studied in Cairo, Egypt, participating in the Middle East Studies Program (MESP). MESP trains students to relate to the Muslim world in an informed and constructive manner. Farr participated in interdisciplinary seminar classes, received Arabic language instruction, served as intern with various organizations in Cairo and spent two weeks in Israel/Palestine. Academic credit was granted by Taylor Fort Wayne for these student programs.



*In January, senior students take a capstone course in their majors. Above, communications studies seniors took some time away from the classroom to meet with columnist Cal Thomas. Thomas is a columnist with the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. His column appears in 450 newspapers in all 50 states. From l to r: Hans Kindsgrab, Lance Stiver, Nate Hoot, Cal Thomas, Tui Walcott, professor Michael R. Smith.*

## Taylor Seeks to Fill Fund-Raising Post

Applications are being accepted for the position of associate director of development at Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus. Letter of application and resume may be sent to Mrs. Sherri Harter, Director of Development & University Relations, 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne, IN 46807.

Primary responsibilities are to seek and secure financial gifts from individuals, businesses, corporations and area foundations for the Fort Wayne campus' annual fund and for Taylor University's Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign.

Applicants must hold a bachelor's degree and have fund-raising experience. Salary will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

## Sports Highlights

Fall and winter sports have been rewarding, but challenging.

The Falcon soccer team made it to the regionals and placed two of their players on all-region teams. Rick Merrill, junior, set a school record with six goals in one game. Senior, Bob Hamilton made seven all-tournament teams over his four-year career.

With only two women returning to the volleyball team, the ladies had much to do to prepare for their season. They improved throughout the season and finished the year with some important wins. Amanda Chapman, sophomore and team captain, led the team in most categories.

Women's basketball returns after a year of being "on the bench." First year coach James Wilhelm looks to Cije Beers, Michelle Mendez and Nicole Wireman seniors, to lead the women's team.

The men's basketball team is seeking to rebuild the team as they have eight new players and only one senior, Carl Wunsch, who was the unanimous all-tournament choice at the Chicago Classic. The season record stands at 7-12.



## Faces of T.U.F.W.



Miss Wava Bueschlen  
Director of Library and  
Associate Professor



Dr. Dennis Hensely  
Adjunct Faculty  
Communication Arts



Dr. Roger Ringenberg  
Associate Professor  
of Missions



Miss Souja Strahm  
Director of Learning  
Support Center and  
Associate Professor

## Taylor Fort Wayne Professors Included in *Who's Who*

Four of Taylor Fort Wayne's professors, Dr. Marc Barnes, Dr. Wesley Gerig, Dr. Richard Gray and Dr. C. Joseph Martin are to be included in the fourth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*. The four professors were selected by one or more of their former students who were listed in either *Who's Who Among American High School Students* or *The National Dean's List*.

Barnes has taught at the University since 1992 as associate professor of psychology; Gerig has served at the University since 1957 as professor of Bible; Gray has instructed at the University since 1994 as assistant professor of Christian ministries; and Martin has ministered at the University since 1990 as associate professor of psychology.

## Faculty Honors and Awards

Dr. W. Thomas Beckner, associate professor and president of the American Chaplaincy Training School (ACTS); Dr. Ronald Powell, associate professor of justice education; and Mrs. Heather St. Peters, director of the Institute of Correspondence Studies and instructor, have received an award for excellence at the Region IV University Continuing Education Association meeting, in recognition of the Justice & Ministry Certificate, developed at Taylor Fort Wayne.

The Justice & Ministry Certificate is a unique combination of both direct classroom learning and extended studies. Students seeking this certificate are required to spend two weeks on the Fort Wayne campus for participation in ACTS. They are also required to complete four courses through the Institute of Correspondence Studies. Upon completion of these requirements, students are then awarded the Justice & Ministry Certificate.

## Doctorate Degrees



Dr. C. Joseph  
Martin

Dr. C. Joseph Martin, associate professor of psychology, received an Ed.D. from Andrews University in August 1996. His dissertation studied personality traits of faculty and students in relationship to retention.



Dr. James  
Saddington

Dr. James Saddington, associate professor of history, received a Ph.D. in history from Bowling Green State University in November 1996. His dissertation discussed a history of Christian Zionism, the Anglo-American experience, 1800-1948.

## Faculty Present/Publish Papers

*Dr. W. Thomas Beckner*, associate professor of English, presented a paper, "Pulling Time in America: A Comparative Study of Prison Argot," at the American Dialect Society meeting. He was elected to chair next year's session in Chicago.

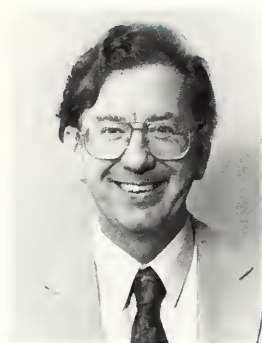
*Dr. Wesley Gerig*, professor of Bible, wrote six articles which were published in the Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology. Among his six articles were: "Fruit of the Spirit," "Reward," "Theology of I & II Timothy," and "Theology of Titus."

*Dr. James Hendrix*, associate registrar and assistant professor, had an article published in the July/August 1996 issue of The Clearing House. The article was entitled, "Cooperative Learning: Building a Democratic Community."

*Dr. Ronald Powell*, associate professor of justice education, read a paper on "Privatization in Corrections" at the annual meeting of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association in Indianapolis in September 1996. He also participated in a separate roundtable discussion on "Future Trends in Corrections." He presented the results of his research of how correctional performance should be measured, in Washington, D.C. and Dallas during November 1996.

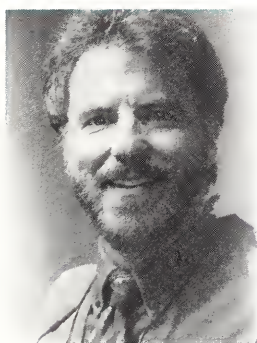
*Mr. Michael R. Smith*, associate professor of journalism, recently published "Postmodernism Influences on Modern American Journalism News Conventions" in the Regent Online Journal of Communications.

## Jarvis, Smith Join TUFW Faculty



*Dr. William Jarvis*

Dr. William Jarvis has joined the Fort Wayne faculty as associate professor of education. Jarvis has held both teacher and principal positions in elementary schools for nearly 30 years. He holds an Ed.D. from Rutgers-the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick campus; an M.A. degree in music from Trenton State College; an M.S. degree in education from the University of Kentucky; and a B.A. degree in music education from Asbury College.



*Mr. Michael R. Smith*

Mr. Michael R. Smith comes to the Fort Wayne campus as associate professor of journalism with experience in newspaper reporting and editing, free-lance writing and college instruction; he has published numerous speeches and articles. Smith received his M.S. in communication from Shippensburg University, a B.S. in English from Maryland University, and an A.A. in general studies from Prince George's Community College. He has additional journalism credits from Penn State and Regent Universities.

## Faculty Accomplishments

Mrs. Ruth (Silvers) Elder, technical services librarian and assistant professor, was elected to the association of Christian Librarians Board of Directors as director-at-large for a two-year term.

Miss Sonja Strahm, director of the Learning Support Center and associate professor, became certified as a developmental education specialist through the Kellogg Institute at Appalachian State College in Boone, North Carolina. She is also the president-elect of Indiana Association of Developmental Education (INADE), and will be developing the programs for the 1997 conference.

## Faculty Receive Tenure

Four Taylor University Fort Wayne faculty have been granted faculty tenure effective in the 1997-98 academic year: Miss Wava Bueschlen, director of library and associate professor; Dr. Hadley Mitchell, assistant professor of economics; Dr. Ronald Powell, associate professor of justice education; and Miss Sonja Strahm, director of learning support center and associate professor. Faculty tenure is granted upon recommendation of the office of academic affairs and the faculty personnel committee.

## Urban League

The interim director of the Fort Wayne Urban League is also one of Taylor Fort Wayne's own faculty, Dr. Rick Gray. Gray, dedicated professor at TUFW, decided to make his directorship a temporary one, one which began in September and will end in March. His primary responsibilities are to stabilize and improve Fort Wayne's Urban League for the success of the upcoming director. Over the past five months Gray has sought to do this by helping the staff be better equipped for their positions. Prior to his interim leadership role, he served as consultant to the League for a year and a half.



## Great is Thy Faithfulness

"God's Faithfulness" was the theme of Sharathon '97. The two-day fund-raiser, January 14 & 15, met with success. Thanks to the faithfulness of the Lord and the generosity of WBCL listeners and donors, the station reached its goal of \$750,000 for the 1997 operating budget. "Our listeners comprise a very faithful and supportive family," says general manager, Char Binkley. WBCL Radio expresses their confidence in and thankfulness for God's faithfulness as He has met their needs for over 20 years.

## Birthday Party



*The Jeff Carlson Studio is dedicated with help from Jeff's daughter, Darci (l); sister, Mary Carlson delCamp (c); wife, Beckie (c) and brother-in-law, Sam delCamp. (r)*

WBCL celebrated her 20th birthday with an open house and dedication service. The day's events began with a brief look at the history of WBCL and a dedication and re-naming of the WBCL air studio as the "Jeff Carlson Studio," in memory of the station's former operations manager who was killed in an automobile accident December 1995.

The station began broadcasting in January 1976, under the ownership of Fort Wayne Bible College, with two full-time employees who ran the 18-hour-a-day station. Today over 25 employees broadcast the love and hope of Jesus Christ to thousands 24 hours a day.

## Racing Toward the Future

Solar-powered vehicles were once thought to be a novelty. But with ever-depleting natural fuel supplies, mobile societies are quickly realizing the need to develop alternative sources of fuel for transportation.

Though solar-powered vehicles have been in experimental use for over a decade, the field is still an emerging science with far to go for viable consumer use. Last year Taylor entered the race for progress in solar automation, joining a host of other schools on the roster of Sunrayce '97. The race, which has occurred biennially since 1993, is cosponsored by General Motors and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Taylor car, aptly named Gideon's Torch, has been entirely designed and is being built by students. These students have applied knowledge they have gained in the classroom for the design. Their efforts are nothing less than what professional engineers must undertake, says project manager, senior, John Clarke. As such, this is a truly practical engineering experience which goes well beyond the scope of a typical research project.

Sunrayce '97 is not a one-time effort for these trailblazers. Plans are already being made for Taylor's involvement in the 1999 race. Taylor's purpose goes much deeper than the scientific, however. The name itself bears witness to the evangelistic fervor of the team.

## Lending a Hand

This fall, two of Taylor Upland's residence halls added a new dimension to their fall retreats. "Instead of just having a time to get away, it was a time to reach out to others," said Tammy White '97, Gerig Hall's discipleship coordinator. Thirty of the Gerig Hall residents and hall director offered their services to the Taylor chapter of Habitat for Humanity. They went to Marion, Indiana, and divided into three different project groups which included: cleaning out a church basement, doing construction on a house, and working in a house that will soon be converted into a neighborhood center.

Men from Wengatz Hall also lent a helping hand as part of their retreat's events. They served at a women's shelter, cleaned out an attic and worked with plaster. They worked alongside women from the shelter and continued to work beyond the scheduled finishing time in order to complete the task at hand. "We goof around enough at Taylor," said Matt McNeil, junior, personnel assistant; "it was good to get out and serve someone else."

## Taylor Makes The List

*Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education* has named Taylor University in its HOT (Hispanic Outlook Tops) list, which annually assists an estimated 150,000 Hispanic students nationwide in the college selection process. Taylor was one of ten Indiana schools to receive the status. Inclusion in the list is based on each school's financial aid, scholarships, ESL (English as a Second Language) programs, Hispanic Studies departments, and Hispanic representation on the faculty and in the administration.

## Elderhostel

Taylor University will once again sponsor an Elderhostel program this summer, July 6-11. The program's theme is *My Autobiography: Reflections on the Past, Present and Future*. Three courses will be offered, led by caring and knowledgeable faculty. Adults age 55 and older may register for the program at a cost of \$310. To register or for more information contact: Dr. Richard Parker, Taylor University, 500 W Reade Ave, Upland IN 46989.

## Area Fellowships

Area gatherings for alumni and friends are scheduled for this winter and spring with the purpose of fellowship and information.

Bill Gerig, alumni director, and other Taylor personnel will be at each fellowship to share what God is doing at Taylor in Fort Wayne and Upland. Detailed announcements will be mailed to those living in each area. Come join us when we are in town!

March 15	Boca Raton, FL
March 20	Indianapolis, IN
April 7	Peoria, IL
April 17	Berne, IN

## Alumni Banquet

**Friday, May 23, 1997**

All alumni and friends are welcome.

**HONORED GUESTS:**  
50th Anniversary Class of 1947  
Class of 1997

Spouses and Parents

*Don't Miss Your Class Reunion!*

1937	1952	1967	1982
1942	1957	1972	1987
1947	1962	1977	1992

## Spread the News!

Help us tell prospective students about TUFW! Talk to friends, neighbors, relatives and members of your church. Suggest visiting campus on an Impact Day--an event planned especially for prospective students. Visiting the campus on this special day will allow students to tour the campus, attend classes and chapel, meet professors, talk with admissions and financial aid representatives, and discover opportunities available through scholarships, student ministries, student leadership and athletics.

**Spring Impact Days are scheduled for: March 14 and April 18.**

Know a high school student who would like an Impact Day brochure? Give us a toll-free call at (800) 233-3922.

## Phonathon '97

One of the greatest achievements of the Fort Wayne campus' Alumni Association is the establishment and the continued growth of the Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund. As a result of mail and phone pledges for more than 15 years, the endowment fund has risen to \$383,736. Congratulations to Fort Wayne alumni for this significant achievement.

Phonathon '97 began in January with a mailing encouraging alumni to make a pledge or send a contribution in the mail. From February 10 to February 22 (8 calling sessions), alumni, students and friends will be calling those who did not respond by mail.

The 1996-97 scholarship recipients pictured below say, "Thank You!" They are worthy students and are most grateful. This year the alumni awarded \$17,000 in scholarships from the interest earned on the endowment and gave another \$20,000 from Phonathon receipts directly to scholarship aid.



NAME	MAJOR
<b>Back row (l to r):</b>	
Matt Adams	Urban Ministries
Natalie (Baughman) Whan	Music Ministries
Amy Jones	English/Journalism
Josie Koepper	Early Childhood Education
Kari Reynolds	Elementary Education
<b>Middle row (l to r):</b>	
Lisa Hiller	Elementary Education
Erin (Jones) Varnell	Public Relations
Melissa Stump	Psychology
Steve Spallinger	Criminal Justice
John Eckrote	Youth Ministries
<b>Front row (l to r):</b>	
Dan Wilson	Pastoral Ministries
Roblyn Sligh	English
Mary Besecker	Psychology
Lance Stiver	Public Relations
Dean Stewart	Pastoral Ministries
<b>Not pictured:</b> Jeremy Ashworth, Pastoral Ministries; Christina Beckwith, Cross-cultural Studies; Jennifer Neild, Elementary Education; Lorena (Brothers) Forbes, Elementary Education.	



# FIGHTING BACK

Joe Alvarez has not always been fighting against crime; he used to instigate it. But his background in violence is not what gives him his insight to fight crime, it is the Lord.

Joe grew up an MK-migrant kid, with nine brothers and four sisters. They knew no stable home, just migrant farms. Joe and his siblings grew up in an angry and violent environment, without hope for life to ever get any better. Money was scarce, so everyone in the family worked to provide for the family's income. He spent his childhood working eight to twelve hour days in fields with the hot sun on his back. And the time he didn't spend in the fields, he spent on the migrant farms which were filled with violence, crime, gangs, drugs and alcohol. The family's only escape came from small pleasures like a movie, eating dinner at a restaurant or getting a "real" hair cut. Joe reflects, "I remember one specific time when we went into town to the barber. As I waited for my turn, I looked through a magazine and saw an ad with a small, happy family sitting on a couch with nice pictures on the walls. I wondered if I would ever have that safe environment for my family."

Life took on some sense of normalcy when Joe's father found permanent work and settled the family in Van Wert, Ohio. There the Alvarez children began to attend school, something they had not been able to do on a consistent basis. School was not a place for a young, violent child like Joe. His grades were low and his desire was to be anywhere except school. His attitude changed in high school when he discovered the

world of sports, where violence was, in a sense, condoned. As an elementary student he had gotten into trouble for being angry and hitting people; now he had an avenue to express his feelings, on the football field. He even became quite a good player. Football helped him in the classroom as well; he reasoned that if he could memorize football plays, he could apply the same learning techniques to his studies. His grades did improve, in fact, he was the first one in his family to graduate from high school. His goal was to attend Ohio State, train to be a professional athlete and buy peace of mind with the money he would make. With the world wide open to him, Joe hoped it would be full of comfort and success. God had other plans.

That summer, his hometown planned to host a special event. An event that would change his life forever.

A Billy Graham Crusade came to town. Although Graham was not there personally, the message of hope was still spoken. A local preacher shared with the crowd about a Savior named Jesus who came to die for each and every person so they would not have to experience eternal death. Joe thought back to the migrant workers who had died in fights in the migrant camps, and knew they had died in vain. The preacher shared a different story. This One, Jesus, did not die in vain; He died so the world would not have to. "God instantly and miraculously took away the years of anger and pain I spent in the migrant camps." Joe went home a new man.

He still enrolled at Ohio State with plans for professional sports, but his heart's desire began to change. Not content at

Ohio State and with the urging of his local church, he sought to transfer to a Christian college. He was accepted to Fort Wayne Bible College in the spring of 1971. Still rough around the edges, Joe enrolled in what he thought was an "angel factory." He wondered what he had gotten himself into as he soon discovered the many rules and regulations he used to rebel against. He submitted to the discipline, and believes it is what God used to shape and prepare him for the leadership roles he now faces professionally and personally.

His life had changed, after meeting the Lord, but not so much that he had forgotten where he had come from, and that others were still there, in need of the same Savior. Joe left Fort Wayne Bible College in the spring of 1974 and began working with troubled youth. He applied for a job with the Allen County Police the following summer and began working in the jails that winter. Thus began a career in fighting the crime that he used to create. In 1988 he applied for and was selected for the position of coordinator of Crime Stoppers, representing Allen County. He became director of the program in 1989.

The strength Joe finds to fight crime in a society filled with so much hate, is God. God is his constant companion. Joe shares, "God's so close to me, I'm always running into Him-- it's a wonderful feeling."

Joe took many Bible courses while a student at FWBC. And although he did not become a pastor or overseas missionary, he feels that he is a minister and a missionary in his profession, though not in the traditional sense. Joe states, "As Christians, we need to be in the business of telling others about His Son and His love. To have spent the years of preparation for ministry at a Christian college and not share the Word would be a crime."

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(l to r): **Mark fs78 and Debbie (Rupp) Blosser g79**, Sri Lanka; **Dan and Rose Ellen Blosser**, Hong Kong; **Marty g81 and Ruth Ann (Blosser) Longcor g81**, Indianapolis; and **Joel fs75 and Barbara (Kennedy) Blosser fs75**, Goshen, IN.

## 40's

### John g45 and Helen (Kemmerer)

**Blosser g45**, retired missionaries from India, had a special Indian celebration in Goshen, IN, for their 51st wedding anniversary last June. All of their children and their families were able to attend (only the second time in 20 years). John is experiencing a special blessing as a delegate to the Mennonite World Conference in Calcutta, India. He left on January 1, 1997 and will also visit Sri Lanka and Hong Kong before his return on February 7.

## 50's

**Elaine (Maris) Bley g56** and her husband, Ervin, have moved from their farm near Wauneta to McCook, NE. They are involved in the Evangelical Free Church AWANA program, and Elaine is substitute teaching in the McCook schools. In August they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary.

**Bill Harrigan g56** underwent major cancer surgery in October and was in intensive care at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, for a few weeks. He is now recovering, having regular treatments and therapy. Bill and **Ruth g57** would appreciate your prayer support. Their address is Country Court Estates No 227, 10744 US 27 South, Fort Wayne, IN 46816.

**Orvil Schlatter g59** was honored as an Outstanding Cooperating Teacher during an October 20 banquet held by the Association of Teacher Educators-Indiana Association of Colleges for Teacher Education banquet. Orvil teaches at Fort Wayne's Northside High School.

## 60's

**Ron g62 and Pauline (Hopkins) Sonius g54**, missionaries to the troubled country of Liberia, are now located in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, due to the continuing tribal war in Liberia. They are working with Liberian refugees and Ron is interim SIM Western Africa area director until May, 1997.

**Esther Spieth g64** is now teaching English and serving as librarian at Indian Bible College (Southwestern School of Missions) in Flagstaff, AZ. Prior to employment at Indian Bible, Esther served Cedine Bible Mission for over 20 years. Ms. Speith's address is: 4416 Winter Drive, Flagstaff, AZ 86004.

## 70's

**Debbie Greenawalt g75** has served for many years with Youth With a Mission (YWAM). She is currently serving as resident advisor and manager of the Gladys Aylward House (international student housing) at William Carey International University in Pasadena, CA.

## 80's

**David g80 and Kenda (Gressley) Kapaku g80** have moved back to Fort Wayne. David is senior pastor of Trier Ridge Community Church of God.

**Mark Mikel g82** has assumed the pastorate of the First Congregational Church in Elkhart, IN. Mark and his wife, Kathy, live on a small farm near Wakarusa, IN.

**Duane J. Mabee g83** was ordained into the ministry with the Christian and Missionary Alliance on October 20. He has been serving as assistant pastor nearly four years at North River Alliance Church in Chattanooga, TN. Duane and his wife, **Karla (Traxler) g83** and daughters, Sarah and Lydia, are praying for God's leading in their lives for the future.

**Steve Sherman g83** and his wife, Ronda, are living in Roseburg, OR, where Steve is the pastor of the Cornerstone Family Fellowship. They have two children: Janelle (4) and Travis (2).

**Reg Koopman g84**, his wife, Linda and family, have made a big move from Loveland, CO, to LaHonda, CA, where Reg is the pastor of the Missionary Church called The Church in the Redwoods.

**Jim Beard g88**, after eight years of faithful service to the College in the admissions office, has taken a new position at Indiana-Purdue University, Fort Wayne. Jim is the coordinator of advising for the school of education. He is also working to complete a master's degree in student personnel administration at Ball State University. **Sondra (Allen) g93** is teaching at Haley Elementary School in Fort Wayne.

**Lynn g88 and Carrie (Duitsman) Schwartz fs89** have purchased a house not far from the College and are helping to start a school at New Life Lutheran Church. They are also working on master's degrees in TESOL (teaching English as a second language) at Ball State University.

**David Bennett g89** returned to campus for the alumni soccer reunion for the first time in many years. Dave is the women's soccer coach and intramural director at Mars Hill College in North Carolina. During the summers he continues to serve with the wilderness program at Camp Timber-Lee in Wisconsin. Also returning for the soccer reunion from North Carolina were **Graham**



**g88 and Lori (Fazio) West fs86, and Jim fs83 and Renee Hughes.**

**Bob g89 and Lisa (Staehle) Heck g88** are now living in Leo, IN, with their two children, Natalie and Andrew. Bob recently completed his doctoral studies in counseling/psychology at West Virginia University. Bob has joined **Carl Sovine g69** in his Fort Wayne counseling practice called Counseling and Consulting Innovations.

### Alumni Serving with Whittington Homes & Services

Whittington, Inc. specializes in providing care to neglected children and families in need. They recently opened a new facility on Fairfield Avenue, about nine blocks north of the college. **John Garner g69** is director of programs, **Shawn Kelly g88** is manager of clinical services, **Verlin Rice g73** is manager of in-home services and **Becky Nienhuis g96TUU** is a resident assistant.

### 90's

**Randy Salway g91** is now living in Afghanistan working with Renewable Energy Sources in Afghanistan Project (RESAP), which is one operation of the International Assistance Mission. Randy is involved in construction and installation of solar hot water heaters and small scale hydroelectric projects.

**Gary Martens g92** was promoted to director of Support Services at New Horizons in Marion, IN. New Horizons is a residential facility for teens who are struggling with their family, school and peers. They have summer programs in Canada and the Dominican Republic. Gary and Leann reside at 4116 South Landess Street, Marion, IN 46953.

**Brenda (Hatfield) Wohlford fs92** and her husband Drew live in Elkhart, IN, with their two children, Jonathon and Sarah. Brenda is the assistant director of Winding Waters Preschool/Latchkey program in Elkhart.

**Nathan g93 and Tisha (Moeck) Herman fs95** have started their own business of music recording and production. Nathan and Tisha continue to help with their church youth group while Tisha is finishing up her Taylor degree.

**Weston Wachu g93** returned to campus for a visit a few months ago. He and his wife are involved in planting a new church in Kilifi, Kenya, called the Shelter Worship Center. He requests prayer for revival among the believers and for God to break the power of witchcraft in the lives of the people they are trying to reach.

**Brian Colby g94** was ordained for the Christian ministry on September 22, at the First Missionary Church in Niles, MI. **Nicci (Ankney) fs91** and Brian have been working with the youth of the church with Brian serving as associate pastor for youth. The ordination sermon was given by **Wesley Gerig g51** and the music was led by **Harold Haller g55**.

**Ken Schrock g94** has moved to Canada where he is the youth and young adult pastor for the River City Vineyard Church in Sarnia, Ontario.

**Carrie (Rice) Taylor g94** and her husband, Bruce are residing in Oskaloosa, IA where Bruce owns a building company. Carrie is a utility representative and is involved in a counseling ministry.

**Tim g95 and Haydee (Neptune) Everly g95** are a very busy couple. Haydee is a teacher at the LaPetite Academy, a daycare/preschool in Fort Wayne. Tim is the Youth for Christ club director at North Manchester High School.

### Weddings

**Elaine Perry g56** married David Keith on March 23, 1996. She had retired from Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society in February, 1992, after serving 33 years in Ivory Coast, West Africa. Elaine now substitutes at public schools and is active in the First Baptist Church. The Keiths reside at 585 110th Avenue, Plainwell, MI 49080.

**Anne Hostetler fs87** and Allen Stockes were married on December 29, 1994. The couple moved to 26 Mockingbird Lane, Pine Bluff, AR, 71603 in mid-October where Allen assumed the role of senior pastor at Oak Park Church of the Nazarene.

Melissa Lee and **Kent Kessler g91** were married on June 8, 1996, at Cardington United Methodist Church in Cardington, OH. **Tyler Garth g93** served as best man. The happy couple reside at 5068 N 600 E, Van Buren, IN 46991, where Kent is serving as associate pastor at Hanfield United Methodist Church. Melissa is teaching music to grades 1-7 at Maple Crest Elementary in Kokomo, IN.

**Kathy Lehner g93** and Phil Gallup joined their lives together in April, 1995. Kathy is working as an Adoption Specialist for Lutheran Social Services in Fort Wayne, IN, and is thoroughly enjoying it. Kathy's daughter, Adrian, is a freshman on the Taylor, Upland campus.

**Melody Blevins g89** married David Janacek on March 25, 1995. They are currently residing at 625 South Superior Street, Angola, IN 46703. David owns his own company in Michigan. Melody assists him greatly with the business.

**Laura Meinert g96 and David Bidle fs95** were married on October 26 at Lincolnway Church of Christ in Columbia City, IN. Those from TUFW participating in the wedding were: **Matt Powell cs, Tom Hauger fs94 and Tom Meadows g96**.

### Alumni in Urban Ministry

**Rick Alvis g77** is the president of Wheeler Mission Ministries, Indianapolis, IN. Prior to coming to Wheeling in 1990, Rick was serving at the Evansville, IN, rescue mission. The Wheeler Mission has been ministering to the people of Indianapolis for 103 years and is one of the largest missions in the country. A staff of 55 men and women coordinate a multi-faceted program including: food and lodging, counseling, evangelism and discipleship, a women's shelter, a thrift store, special preventative programs for 1,000 children and over 200 families, a separate community center on the east side of Indianapolis and a 280 acre camp near Bloomington, IN.

**Craig Vincent g83** is the director of youth ministries for the City Mission, Cleveland, OH. Craig and his wife **Peggy (Bearss) fs83** have been involved with the mission since his graduation from the College in 1983. The youth programs offered by the mission are preventative in focus, attempting to prepare the youth of the inner city neighborhoods of Cleveland for life. Weekly clubs, summer camps and employment counseling are all part of the effort. The six weekly clubs have over 950 children and youth enrolled, with an average attendance of 600. Craig is excited by the fact that two of his staff members today began in the program when they were third graders.

## *Births*

To Tim and **Julie (Castle) Jacobs g77** a son, William Shane, adopted upon his birth on September 2. William was born in Bloomington, IL, and resides with his adoptive parents in Bartonville, IL. He weighed 7 lbs, 15 oz and was 20 3/4 inches in length.

To **Matt g81 and Barb (Holtzclaw) g80 Hartsell** an adopted baby girl, Tiffani Suzhen Hartzell, on August 17. They went to Suzhou, China, to welcome Tiffani to the family. She was born December 20, 1994. She joins siblings, Trisha (13), Joshua (10), and Joel (8). Matt serves as the associate pastor at Hope Missionary Church in Bluffton, IN.

To **Jay g84 and Julie (Springer) Lininger g82** a son, Joel Richard, born May 22. Jay is continuing his education at Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH. Julie worked this past year as a teacher's aide in Ashland Christian School where Joel's big brother, Jeremy (7), attends.

To **Don g85 and Marla (Murray) g84 Bettinger** a son, Micah Nathaniel, born July 4. He weighed just over 7 lbs. Don and Marla continue to serve with OMS International in Taiwan.

To **Steven g85** and Laurie **Gagnon** a daughter, Yvonne Lynn, born July 7, in Claypool, IN. Yvonne weighed 8 lbs, 2 oz and was 19 inches long. Steven is working with ALH Building Systems.

To **Gerry TUUg90 and Kim (Baumann) Barrantes TUUg90** and former resident director in **Hausser Hall** a daughter, MaKayla Mae, born July 18 in New York. The Barrantes' are currently serving with Reaching Urban Neighborhoods (RUN) in New York City, NY.

To **Justin fs 91 and Amy (Bowser) Beck fs91** a son, Jordan James, born on October 14, at Northwest Medical Center in Franklin, PA. Jordan weighed 7 lbs, 10 oz and was 20 inches long. Justin is a sales associate for Sherwin Williams Paint Company and Amy is the group supervisor at the First Nazarene Daycare. The Becks live at 3 Graff Street Apt 3, Oil City, PA 16301.

To **Jay fs91 and Shellie (Kale) Burden g91** a son, Jayson Paul Ferd. Jayson is named after his father and paternal grandfather. Jayson weighed 9 lbs, 5 oz and was 22 inches in length. He was born on September 13. Wanzie Grace, 20 months old, joins Jayson at home in Fort Wayne.

## *Births cont.*

To **Tom g91 and Lori (Bullock) Dugan g91** a son, Jack Thomas, born on December 14. He weighed 8 lbs, 6 oz, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Lori is employed as an assistant at Parkview day care and Tom is a designer at Covington Box and Packaging.

To **Dave fs 91 and Nancy (Elenbaum) Leming g93** a son, Jacob Ronald, born on October 7. Jacob weighed 9 lbs, 15 oz and was born at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne, IN. Cody (2 1/2) welcomed Jacob home. Nancy babysits in her Markle, IN, home and Dave works at American National Can Company in Marion, IN.

To **Mark gs92 and Sharon (DeBolt) McMeen g94** a son, Micah Thomas. Micah was born October 31 at Lutheran Hospital. He weighed 7 lbs, 4 oz and measuring 20 inches in length. Micah joins Steven and Sarah.

To **Mark g 93 and Amie (Paladi) Reneau g93** a son, Mark Riley. Riley (as he is called) was born October 14 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, IN. He weighed 7 lbs, 9 oz and was 20 inches in length. Mark is a case manager at Park Center in Fort Wayne.

To **Matt and Tracey (Bohner) Riggle g93** a daughter, Caitlin Elizabeth, born September 11 at Peru Hospital in Peru, IN. She weighed 7 lbs, 14 oz and was 21 inches long. Matt and Tracey live at White's Institute in Wabash where they serve as counselors.

To **Todd and Tammy (Kelsey) Wilson g93** a son, Nathan Ross, born September 9. He weighed 9 lbs, 1 oz and was 21 inches in length. Nathan joins Josiah at home.

To **Fred g93** and Monica **Witmer** a son, Evan James, born November 14, in Lexington, KY. Big brother Isaac (2) welcomed him home. The Witmers live in Mount Sterling, KY, where Fred is the purchasing agent for the engineer products division of Cooper Tire and Rubber Company.

To **Chris and Amy (Wheat) Miller g94** a daughter, Kimberly Michele, born on September 27. Kimberly weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz and measured 20 inches long. The Millers reside in Illinois.

To **Nolan g94 and Tracy (Moschel) Spenst g92** a girl, Emily Marie, born on September 18. Emily was 22 inches long and weighed 9 lbs, 6 oz. She joins Daniel (2). The Spensts are living in Rudyard, MT, where they are pastoring a growing church.

## *In Memory*

### **Former Sierra Leone Missionaries Now in Guinea, West Africa**

Two alumni missionary couples who were evacuated from Sierra Leone, West Africa, almost two years ago are now beginning ministry in the neighboring country of Guinea.

**Steve g80 and Sheila (Hilty) Harrigan g82** and **Bruce g89 and Dawn (Clark) Cluckie g89** were working among the Yalunka people of Sierra Leone and will be working with the same people group in Guinea; 70% of the Yalunka people reside in Guinea. The last year has been spent in French language study in the African country of Burkino Faso so the Harrigans and the Cluckies are excited about arriving in Guinea.

## *In Memory*

**Juantia Combs g27** passed away on November 6 at the Mennonite Memorial Home in Bluffton, OH. After leaving Fort Wayne Bible College, she went to New York to complete her nurse's training. Juanita had been in mission service in Kentucky and was a nursing assistant at Lima Memorial prior to her retirement.

**Doris Louise Seger g39** ascended to her heavenly home on September 4 in Lansing, MI. As she was growing up in Jackson, MI, she became an accomplished violinist. Doris' music talent brought joy to many when she attended Fort Wayne Bible Institute. After graduating in 1939, she became a church secretary in Michigan where she served for more than 30 years. In 1973, Fort Wayne Bible College awarded Doris honorary membership in Delta Epsilon Chi, an honor society of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges.

**Vera (Blocher) Moser g44** passed away in October after many years of struggling with Alzheimers disease. Vera and her husband, **Dale g43**, were missionaries in Ecuador for nine years, served in the pastorate for a number of years, and have lived the last 10 years in Cottonwood, AZ. Dale's address is: PO Box 1487, Cottonwood, AZ 86326.



# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Calling all alumni! You have the opportunity to nominate your fellow alumni for membership on the Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Council. Each year three new council members are elected for a four-year term. The council meets twice a year, usually on a Saturday in October and in April. If you are interested in serving on the council, submit your name on the form or suggest another alumnus whom you know is interested.

You may also honor an alumnus or a Fort Wayne campus friend by recommending them for one of two special awards that will be presented at the Alumni Banquet, May 23, 1997. The first award will be for a **Distinguished Alumnus**. The recipient must be an alumnus of the Fort Wayne Campus who has served with honor and distinction in his or her chosen vocation. The **Distinguished Friend** award will be given to a friend of the Fort Wayne campus who has had significant impact on the institution.

## Nominations:

### Distinguished Alumnus

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

### Distinguished Friend

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

### Council Member

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Alumni News

Let us know what is happening in your life! Please complete and send this form to the Alumni Office (see address at right).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(include maiden name)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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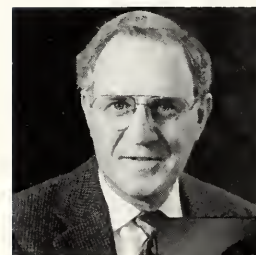
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## In Memory cont.

**Nettie (Dodge) Fowler g45** went to be with the Lord on April 18, 1994, after much suffering with asthma and cancer. She married Samuel E. Fowler after she graduated. They had two children. Nettie was a homemaker and active in churches where they attended. She wrote poetry and received a national award for one of her poems.

**Betty Jo (Hurtzellars) Harter, former Director of Housekeeping and Student Employment 1973-79**, passed away on November 1, 1996, after dealing with several heart problems. Her husband, **Randy g96**, lives at 5255 Eastwick Place, Fort Wayne, IN, 46815.

**Merle Moser g80** passed away on September 24, 1996, while jogging near his home in Berne, IN. His death resulted from a massive heart attack. He taught junior high and high school at Fort Wayne Christian School for the past six years. He was also the sponsor of the school newspaper and the girls softball coach. Services were held at the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Berne. Merle is survived by his wife, Jill and three



Send your alumni news to **Bill Gerig g61**, or **Tammy Luger g93** in the alumni office and we will include your information in an upcoming magazine. Write, call or e-mail us at:

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